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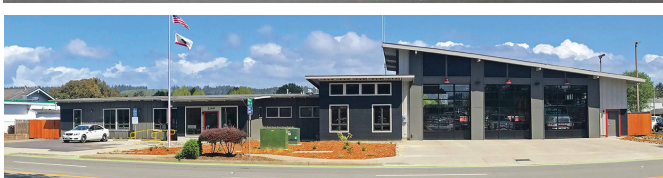


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HUMCO COVID COUNT, MONDAY, AUG. 17: TESTS 18,306 CASES 309 HOSPITALIZED 20 RECOVERED 242 DEATHS 4

High Risk – Many cases with conditions for community spread, with many undetected cases likely. Limit everyday activities to increase safety.

Overall Alert Level
3



NEW AND DISAPPROVED? The newly renovated Downtown Arcata and McKinleyville fire stations could be shuttered with voter approval of Measure F.

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Arcata Fire could be down to one station if Measure F fire tax fails

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/MCKINLEYVILLE – If voters fail to pass Measure F on Nov. 3, the Arcata Fire District may close the McKinleyville and Downtown Arcata fire stations.

Four firefighters would respond to calls from the Mad River Station on Janes Road near Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata.

Measure F: Costs and catastrophic consequences detailed Page 10

With the closure of the Downtown Arcata Station, the non-profit volunteer organization that owns the building would likely default on a loan and be disbanded, leaving the fire district without its biggest booster.

These were among the many grim possibilities discussed on Aug. 11 by the Arcata Fire District Board of Directors.

MEASURE F ❖ PAGE 7

Clunky, costly dispatch system ill-serving AFD

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – Sleep deprivation and potentially confusing radio chatter are some of the downsides of Arcata Fire District's new dispatch arrangement.

The district previously had an arrangement with CalFire to provide dispatch services to send its crews to fires, medical aid calls and other emergencies. However, CalFire decided to raise its fees in an effort to recover the costs of providing the service.

Arcata Fire Chief Justin McDonald said that a few years ago, the district was paying about \$60,000 a year for dispatch services, with much of the costs covered by Measure Z funds.

CalFire phased in its increase, which was about \$138,000 in the last fiscal year. As of July 1, the fee would have jumped to \$388,000 a year.

Instead, the cash-strapped district signed a contract to join the County of Humboldt's contract with CalFire. The county agreed to charge the district what it was already paying – \$138,000 a year.

Although the service is still provided by CalFire, the system is different.

Under the old dispatch system, only the firefighters that were needed for a response were alerted.

So if there was a medical aid call in McKin-

DISPATCH ❖ PAGE 7

Hospitalizations rise as COVID-19 advances

Cases could be 5-10 times those confirmed; dread, tension mount

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The county's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has gone beyond 300 but the actual number could be 10 times that.

And the steepening climb of cases is beginning to be reflected in hospitalizations.

The status of COVID-19's local prevalence was discussed by county Deputy Health Officer Josh Ennis in an Aug. 12 "media availability" video.

He began with an assessment of the total case number, which was at 286 at the time of the video. By the end of the week, the number rose to 309.

The case curve is noticeably rising,

with 78 new cases logged in the first two weeks of August.

"I think we've all seen that lately the numbers have started to trend upward and at an increased pace," Ennis said in his video introduction.

He added that the total case number only represents a fraction of how many cases there actually are. For every confirmed case, "There is certainly a handful of other cases out there that we have not identified," he said.

How big that handful is depends on how closely residents are following precautionary guidelines and the scope of testing. "So somewhere on the order of five to 10 times as many cases that we're actually confirming are

probably out there not getting tested for whatever reason," said Ennis.

He advised that tallies of active cases – people who are ill and in self-isolation – represent a "minority" of people who have COVID-19 and "we're starting to see that in the hospital a little bit."

Ennis noted that there had been three hospitalizations that week, bringing the county's total to 19 after a lengthy phase of minimal activity.

Sick summer

Summer has been a season of disease acceleration and health officials and health care workers are bracing for the trend's continuance into fall and winter.

COVID-19 ❖ PAGE 8

Tart talk 'twixt Tom & Terry over reopening

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Two of the county's top docs – medical and educational – had a now-public clash of wills last week over whether or not Humboldt State should install new students and reopen for classes in the current COVID-19 risk environment (see story, above).

The disagreement was disclosed in email exchanges released by the county, and appears below.

We need to talk

From: Frankovich, Teresa
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Tom R Jackson
Subject: on site education and housing



Dr. Tom Jackson



Dr. Teresa Frankovich

Hi Tom. Thought it might make sense for us to talk today rather than me meeting again with some of your staff. Do you have availability today? Is there a time that would work for you between 1 and 3? Thanks, Terry

Teresa L. Frankovich, MD, MPH
Health Officer
529 I Street, Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 268-2181

'On-site instruction cannot be accomplished safely'

From: Frankovich, Teresa
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Tom R Jackson
Subject: on site instruction and congregate housing

Hi Tom. Was hoping to speak with you but since I had not heard back, figured you have been tied up all day today. Because we are dealing with a short time frame for your students and staff, I wanted to make sure you had needed information on hand. Through our discussions over these weeks and months, we have talked about planning for a possible return in the Fall to on-site instruction at HSU. We also talked about how the landscape might change and make it impossible to open up campus. As I review our epidemiologic data and look at our testing capacity as well as case investigation teams, I believe we have moved to a place in which on-site instruction cannot be accomplished safely at this moment in time. As I'm sure you are aware, the CDPH guidance states:

REOPENING ❖ PAGE 8



FOND FAREWELL An emotional goodbye on move-in day for a family and their student at HSU on Saturday, Aug. 15. HSU IMAGE

HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU – Humboldt State University began welcoming students to the residence halls on Saturday's move-in day, just a little over a week before the start of a very different Fall semester. The day offered a sense of how the pandemic has dramatically changed higher education.

STUDENTS ❖ PAGE 8

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Humboldt County Junior Livestock Auction

THE CULMINATING EVENT Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's Humboldt County Junior Livestock Auction will be held online at humboldtcoun-tyfair.org. The sale will open on Friday, Aug. 28 beginning at 5 p.m. and will close at noon, Sunday, Aug. 30. Members of the 4-H and Future Farmers of America have put years of effort into raising their animals and this is the culminating event. Here are some of this year's participants and their animals. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



My name is Caroline Cole. I'm in Arcata Bottom 4-H. My lamb's name is Bacon. He is a strong boy.



My name is Dana Gleaton. This will be my fourth year as a member of McKinleyville FFA. This year, for the first time, I am raising a market goat named Scape.



My name is Allison McCray and I am a first-year student in McKinleyville FFA. This year I am raising a market lamb named Lamborghini.



My name is Carly Carmesin and I am with the Arcata Bottom 4-H. This year I raised my steer Romeo.



My name is Jocie Hague and this is my ninth year in Arcata Bottom 4-H. I will be selling Nick, my market lamb that I have raised since the day he was born.



My name is Sydney Sanders from the Mckileyville FFA and this year I raised a boer goat named Gobi.



My name is Taya Gomes. I am a member of Arcata Bottom 4-H. This year for the Humboldt County fair I am raising a crossbreed Barrow named Buckwheat.



My name is Breann Borghino. This is my third year as a member of Arcata Bottom 4-H. This year I raised a market lamb named Bandit.



My name is Connor Alto and I am a third year member of McKinleyville FFA. This year I am raising a market lamb named Calvin.



I am Jocie Hague and this is my fourth year showing beef cattle in Arcata Bottom 4-H. I raised a steer for the Humboldt County Fair, and his name is Handsome.



My name is Emma Sobehrad and I am a member of Arcata Bottom 4-H, and this year I raised a market lamb named Trouble.



My name is Natalie Adams and I am a member of Arcata Bottom 4-H, and this year I raised a market goat named Star.



My name is Caroline Cole. I'm 13 years old. I'm in Arcata Bottom 4-H. This year I'm raising meat chickens. Their names are Co and Rona.



My name is Emmie Hague and this is my sixth year in Arcata Bottom 4-H. I will be selling my market lamb, Dot, who I have raised since he was born.



My name is Elias Cole. I'm 10 years old and I'm a member of Arcata Bottom 4-H. This year I raised meat chickens. Their names are Peanut and Butter.



My name is Elias Cole. I'm 10 years old. I'm in Arcata Bottom 4-H and I'm raising a turkey. His name is Tommy.



My name is Corrina Thiesfeld and this is my second year raising an animal for McKinleyville FFA. This year I am raising a hampshire market lamb named Blake Shepton.



My name is Carly Carmesin and I am with the McKinleyville FFA. This year I raised a market lamb and his name is Cade.



Learn how to participate and be part of the auction at humboldtcoun-tyfair.org

'Wear A Mask' campaign to slow COVID, help biz, speed recovery

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS/COVID ECONOMIC RESILIENCE CONSORTIUM (CERC)

HUMBOLDT – A county wide “Wear a Mask” campaign launched in Humboldt County on Friday, Aug. 14. The “Wear a Mask” campaign was developed by a workgroup of the COVID Economic Resilience Consortium (CERC).

The CERC is comprised of economic development and business support organizations and was established to share updates, coordinate resources, and ensure consistent communication to area businesses and to the public at large.

The campaign is designed to encourage the consistent use of masks to better protect the health of the community and to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

Many residents and visitors are neglecting to wear masks in public, even though facial coverings have become a worldwide recommendation by health organizations to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Campaign messaging will be



VINTAGE VIRUS 102 years ago in San Francisco, authorities also had to persuade the populace to mask up for their own good.

delivered through a social media campaign where businesses and families can personalize the imagery in the campaign template with photos of their families, employees of local businesses, or favorite areas/sites in Humboldt.

Businesses and the public can access the campaign’s poster template, social media images, and a Wear a Mask .gif image at rredc.com/wear-the-mask.

In addition, there will be a 90-day public service campaign (PSAs) emphasizing the protection of our community’s health and keeping businesses open.

A wide range of community leaders will be participating and producing radio, television and

print PSAs.

Marty Coelho, College of the Redwoods’ executive director of College Advancement and the CR Foundation, who is chairperson of the campaign, said “regardless of your politics, whether you believe in masks or not, no one in Humboldt County disagrees that our medical resources are extremely limited. So why gamble? If face coverings even have a chance of saving Humboldt’s medical system from being overrun with those sick with COVID, why not wear a mask? We need to look out for each other.”

Members of the CERC believe that it is critical that Humboldt residents and visitors believe in the seriousness of the campaign and the benefits to our local economy.

“Being ‘pro-mask’ is being ‘pro-business.’ Masking and social distancing is the best way to stop the spread of COVID-19. We all need to do our part to help our local economy by being personally responsible to help contain the virus,” said Gregg Foster, executive director for the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission and member of the CERC Executive Committee.

Scott Adair, Humboldt County director of economic development, and member of the CERC Executive Committee said “The County of Humboldt’s office of Economic Development is pleased to remain a part of CERC and supports its members efforts to engage the private sector community in initiatives related to our economic recovery. The new masking campaign led by CERC and College of the Redwoods is aligned with the County’s efforts to protect the public while also supporting the livelihoods of consumers, employees and businesses.”

Local organizations that are helping fund the Wear a Mask



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campaign include the Arcata Economic Development Corporation, the California Center for Rural Policy, Changing Tides Family Services, the College of the Redwoods Foundation, the Humboldt County Headwaters Fund, the



COVIDIOCY And don’t throw your used mask on the ground. Person who did this: why would you do this?

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20-00405

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JOSHUA G. RASMUSSEN
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20-00388

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20-00391

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20-00362

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20-00343

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NAME STATEMENT
20-00344

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7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19

ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

**LAURA COLEMAN
FOR CLAIRE LEWIS
SUPERIOR COURT OF
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COUNTY OF HUM-BOLDT
CASE NO. CV2000591
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:**

1. Petitioner has filed a
petition with this court
for a decree changing
names as follows:
Present name: **CLAIRE
STARNES LEWIS**
to Proposed name:
**CLAIRE STARNES
COLEMAN ;**

2. THE COURT OR-
DERS that all persons
interested in this matter
appear before this court,
located at 825 5th Street,
Eureka, California, at
the hearing indicated
below to show cause, if
any, why the application
should not be granted.
Any person objecting to
the name changes de-

scribed above must file
a written objection that
includes the reasons for
the objection at least two
court days before the
matter is scheduled to be
heard and must appear
at the hearing to show
cause why the petition
should not be granted.
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Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

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Date: JULY 20, 2020
KELLY L. NEEL
Judge of the Superior
Court
7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF
KATHRYN CHARLENE
MCFARLAND

CASE NO.: PR2000158
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been filed by: TIM MC-
FARLAND in the Superior
Court of California, County
of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate
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as personal representative
to administer the estate of
the decedent.

The petition requests the
decedents will and codic-
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probate. The will and any
codicils are available for
examination in the file kept
by the court.

The petition requests
authority to administer
the estate under the Inde-
pendent Administration of
Estates Act. (This author-
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representative to take any
actions without obtaining
court approval. Before
taking certain very import-
ant actions, however, the
personal representative
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should not grant the au-
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**A hearing on the petition
will be held in this court as
follows:**

Date: SEPT. 3, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 6

Address of court: Su-
perior Court of California,
County of Humboldt, 825
Fifth Street, Eureka, CA,
95501.

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objections or file written
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before the hearing. Your
appearance may be in per-
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**If you are a creditor or
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the decedent**, you must
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within the later of either
(1) **four months** from the
date of first issuance of let-
ters to a general personal
representative, as defined
in section 58(b) of the Cal-
ifornia Probate Code, or
(2) **60 days** from the date
of mailing or personal de-
livery to you of a notice
under section 9052 of the
California Probate Code.
**Other California statutes
and legal authority may
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creditor. You may want
to consult with an attor-
ney knowledgeable in
California law.**

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Attorney for the petitioner:
DANIEL R. OLSEN, ESQ.
968 WAGONWHEEL
LANE
LINCOLN, CA 95648
(925) 984-8113
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Assessor Parcel Number:
222-071-026 The prop-
erty heretofore described
is being sold "as is". The
Street Address or other
common designation,
if any, of the real prop-
erty described above is
purported to be: 425 W.
Moody Lane, Garberville,
CA 95542
On 08/28/2020, at 10:00
AM, Marilyn Haber, as
Trustee for the Marilyn
Haber Living Trust as duly
appointed Trustee under
and pursuant to Deed of
Trust or Mortgage re-
corded on 05/23/2017
as Instrument No. 2017-
009180, Book 657, Page
527, of Official Records
of the County Recorder
of Humboldt County, Cal-
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N. Ornguze as Trustor, in
favor of Marilyn Haber,
Trustee for Marilyn Haber
Living Trust as Beneficia-
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federal credit union, or a
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federal savings and loan
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in this state). Said sale will
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by said Deed of Trust. The
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time of the initial publica-
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be \$900,000.00. Accrued
interest and additional
advances, if any, will in-
crease this figure prior to
sale. The Beneficiary May
elect to bid less than their
full credit bid. At: 825 Fifth
Street, Eureka, CA 95501,
all right title and interest
conveyed to and now held
by it under said Deed of
Trust in the property situ-
ated in Humboldt County,
California describing the
land therein: Parcel One:
Parcel 11 as shown on
Parcel Map No 942, re-
corded in Book 8 Page 71
and 72 of Parcel Maps, in
the office of the County
Recorder of said County,
as corrected by certificate
of correction recorded
March 15, 1978 in Book
1477 Page 98 of Official
Records under Record-
er's Serial No. 5737 in
the office of the County
Recorder of said Coun-
ty. Excepting Therefrom:
That portion of Parcel 11
of Parcel Map No 942, re-
corded in Book 8, Pages
71 and 72 of Parcel Maps,
in the office of the Coun-
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ty. Which lies West of the
following described line:
Beginning at a point on the
North line of Parcel 10 of
said Parcel Map No. 942,
which is North 88 degrees
23 minutes 40 seconds
West, 40 feet from the
Northeast corner thereof;
thence South 1 degree 42
minutes 1 second East,
511.50 feet; thence North
88 degrees 17 minutes 59
seconds East, 40 feet to
the East line of said Par-
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Bidders If you are con-
sidering bidding on this
property lien, you should
understand that there are
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at a Trustee auction. You
will be bidding on a lien,
not on the property itself.
Placing the highest bid at
a Trustee auction does
not automatically entitle
you to free and clear own-
ership of the property. You
should also be aware that
the lien being auctioned
off may be a junior lien.
If you are the highest bidder
at the auction, you are or
may be responsible for
paying off all liens senior
to the lien being auctioned
off, before you can receive
clear title to the property.
You are encouraged to
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exist on this property by
contacting the county re-
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or Deed of Trust on the
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shown on this Notice of
Sale may be postponed
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Mortgagee, Beneficiary,
Trustee, or a court, pur-
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the California Civil Code.
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to the public, as a courtesy
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A non-exclusive ease-
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purposes the centerline
of which is shown on said
Parcel Map as "centerline
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ly from the South line of
said Parcel 8, to an inter-
section of centerlines as
shown on said Parcel Map
and thence Southeasterly
along centerline to the
East line of said Parcel 8.
Parcel Five: A non-exclu-
sive easement for ingress
and egress and public utility
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Southwesterly from the 70
foot right of way in Parcel
3, as shown on said Par-
cel Map over Parcels 3
and 7 of said Parcel Map
and the Southeast corner
of the Northeast Quarter
of the Southwest Quarter
of Section 16, Township
5 South, Range 3 East,
Humboldt Meridian, to the
West line of said Parcel
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SCHAEFER;

2. THE COURT OR-
DERS that all persons
interested in this matter
appear before this court,
located at 825 5th Street,
Eureka, California, at
the hearing indicated
below to show cause, if
any, why the application
should not be granted.
Any person objecting to
the name changes de-
scribed above must file
a written objection that
includes the reasons for
the objection at least two
court days before the
matter is scheduled to be
heard and must appear
at the hearing to show
cause why the petition
should not be granted.
If no written objection
is timely filed, the court
may grant the petition
without a hearing.

Date: SEPT. 25, 2020
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

For information on how
to appear remotely for
your hearing, please visit
<https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order
to Show Cause shall be
published at least once a
week for four successive
weeks prior to the date
set for hearing on the
petition in the following
newspaper of general
circulation, printed in this
county: Mad River Union.
Date: JULY 23, 2020
JOHN T. FEENEY
Judge of the Superior
Court
8/5, 8/12, 8/19

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
GARY JAMES KIRKEMO
CASE NO.: PR2000168

To all heirs, beneficiaries,
creditors, contingent cred-
itors, and persons who
may otherwise be interest-
ed in the will or estate, or
both, of:

**GARY JAMES KIRKEMO,
AKA GARY KIRKEMO**
Petition for Probate has
been filed by: CYNTHIA
LYNN LOGAN in the Su-
perior Court of California,
County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate
requests that: CYNTHIA
LYNN LOGAN be appoint-
ed as personal representa-
tive to administer the estate
of the decedent.

The petition requests
authority to administer

the estate under the Inde-
pendent Administration of
Estates Act. (This author-
ity will allow the personal
representative to take any
actions without obtaining
court approval. Before tak-
ing certain very important
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authority.

**A hearing on the petition
will be held in this court as
follows:**

Date: OCT. 8, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 6

Address of court: Su-
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County of Humboldt, 825
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Attorney for the petitioner:
LAURENCE S. ROSS

SCENE



ART ON THE FENCE Left, Artist Aundrea All'Love Stuckey and her artwork, and, above, the Art on the Fence installation.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

including Octavio Acosta, Tannyce Bunch, Cora Dandeneau, Monique Harper-Desir, Courtney Jamison, Veenadari Lakshika Jayakody, Halla Kramer, Mickey Montgomery, Xóchitl Cabrera-Sanchez, Aundrea All'Love Stuckey, Amy Uyeki, Nikki Valencia and Mykia Washington.

Artists' works are presented on plywood panels and can be viewed at the Arcata Ball Park fence, located at 888 F St. in Arcata. Please visit arcataplayhouse.org or equityarcata.com to view artworks and artist statements.

For more information about JustArts, please call (707) 822-1575 or email justartsarcata@gmail.com. For more information about equity arcata, visit equityarcata.com.



ARCATA ARTISANS New works by Kris Patzlaff, right, and Loryn White, left, are featured at Arcata Artisans Gallery through Sept. 6. This cooperative gallery comprises 25 local member/owner artists at 883 H Street on the Arcata Plaza, and is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with safety practices, masks required. Always on display are diverse original examples of hot cast glass, wood-working, ceramics, metalwork, photography, painting, fiberwork, stained glass and printmaking. arcataartisans.com

SUBMITTED PHOTO



SAND FORTRESS This year's Sand Castle Festival, sponsored by the Friends of the Dunes, was held throughout the month of July and beaches throughout the county due to the coronavirus. Teams organized themselves and sent photos to the Friends of the Dunes. This year's Best of Show went to "Humboldt High Fortress," above left, by Team Maximum Wattage. The runner up was "Dog Days of Moonstone," right, by the Sand Doodlers. See more at friendsofthedunes.org.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Art on the Fence

PLAYHOUSE ARTS Arcata, CA, August 14, 2020 – equity arcata's JustArts working group has partnered with Playhouse Arts and the City of Arcata to present Art on the Fence, a public art exhibition of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and White community artists.

Art on the Fence is an extension of the Round Story, an ongoing project of Playhouse Arts, which uses the arts to encourage conversations surrounding racial equity, social justice and changing demographics.

Art on the Fence is an inclusive expression of different voices and experiences, and showcases the work of local artists

Cleaning up our local beaches

In last week's column, information about Trinidad School and Big Lagoon School opening on Aug. 24 was written. Since then, School Boards have met and there have been more discussions between teachers, administrators and families on how classes will be presented.

For the most up to date information, call Trinidad School at (707) 677-3631 or email Superintendent-Principal Alyse Nichols at anichols@trinidadusd.net, and Big Lagoon School at (707) 677-3688, or email Superintendent-Principal Linda Row at admin@biglagoon.org.

Cleaning up

Hats off to local residents Peter Cohan, Mary Kline, Dorothy Cox, Ginny Waters,

Ingrid Bailey, Jill Mefford, Ben Morehead and other volunteers for bringing a big trash bag on all of their regular walks and picking up trash along Trinidad roads, city streets, parks and beaches as they stroll.



TRINIDAD TIDINGS Patti Flechner

More formal beach clean up days will take place every Saturday in September. Normally, there is one big Coastal Clean-up Day at the end of September, however, to keep participants safely distant this year, the beach clean up days will be on September 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Go to the Northcoast Environmental Center's website at yournec.org/ccd2020 to find out more.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net,

HUMBOLDT MASH-UPS

Eureka Poet Laureate David Holper, in coordination with the Ink People, presents Humboldt Mash-ups: Where Poetry and Art Collide. This hybrid show will consist of 20 local poets paired with 20 local artists. Both the poems and the artwork explore themes about Humboldt County. The show runs from Sept. 4 to Sept. 30 at the Ink People Center for the Arts, located at 525 Seventh St. Viewings are by appointment Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Masks are required. Call (707) 442-8413. Poets include Laurie Birdsong,

Katherine Cech Latonio, Larry Crist, Aline Faben, Anne Fricke, Susanna Gallsidorfer, Margot Genger, James Hawley, Rebekah Jackson, Ginny Kelly, Ryan Van Lenning, Mary Thibodeaux Lentz, Pat McCutcheon, Daniel Mintz, Anne Nicksic, Vinnie Peloso, Hazel Rickard, Wendy Rowan, Neil Tarpey and Vanessa Vrtiak. Artists include Robert Adams, Dana Ballard, Kylee Conriquez, Mairead Dodd, Bob Doran, Mikayla Diaz, Rebecca Evans, Annelise Farquhar, Kyrie Flores, Ryan Johnson, Yvonne Kern, Alia Koenig, Taylor LaRue, Julie McNiel, Haley Price,

Mir de Silva, Meredith Smith, Samantha Stone, Steven Taylor and Terry Torgerson.

Let's help Bill Daley

MAD RIVER UNION

FIELDBROOK – A fundraising campaign has been organized to help longtime Fieldbrook resident Bill Daley, who recently fell and suffered a back injury.

Daley has lived in Fieldbrook since 1972. Daley and his brother Ron used to own and operate the Fieldbrook Market.

Bill Daley and his wife Chanh raised five children in Fieldbrook. After Chanh died, Daley married Le.

Unfortunately, Bill had a major fall that caused him to have very serious back surgery. His rehabilitation is going well but slow.

He and Le need to spend some time away from their home so that Bill can recover to better then new, hopefully. This fundraiser to help with the expenses of rent and necessities plus rehabbing his home with ramps, rails and safety features to keep him safe going forward.

"All in all just a simple thank you from all of us and that the continued and timeless care and friendship that the beautiful Fieldbrook Valley holds is what we consider the best medicine," stated his daughter Holly on a GoFundMe page, which can be found at gofundme.com/f/fieldbrook-icon-bill-daley-fundraiser.

Donations can also be left at the Fieldbrook Market & Eatery.

More creative business: curbside acupuncture & to-go dinners

It has been fascinating watching businesses adapt so as to continue to serve us in a safe manner. In the past couple of weeks, we've seen all kind of activities move outdoors to take advantage of our summer weather (and hasn't it been glorious!).

Here are some examples of innovation in our little corner of the world:

Stacey Small L.Ac. of Acupuncture in Arcata will be offering a weekly Curbside Acupuncture clinic, starting this Thursday, Aug. 20, in the parking lot of the Bayside Community Hall.

Curbside Acupuncture enables community members to receive safe and affordable holistic health support from the safety and comfort of their own vehicle.

This is a minimal contact, drive-up or drive-in service.

Five sterile acupuncture needles will be placed in participants' ears and retained for 30 minutes. Stacey will be using a 5-point ear acupuncture protocol known as NADA, which stands for the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association, the organization that trains practitioners in the use of the protocol.

Participants will also receive a Curbside Acupuncture Car Kit, which includes Chinese Herbal tea, aromatherapy and a link to a relaxing music playlist to enhance the experience.

Participants will stay in their vehicle for the duration of the session and will only be in brief contact with the acupuncturist and her assistant. More than one person may be treated per car. So bring a friend or family member and bring greater peace to your life and someone you love. Please bring a mask to wear while interacting with the clinic staff.

Curbside Acupuncture will be offered every Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. Participants must arrive by 5:30pm to receive care.

The Bayside Community Hall is located at 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd. off of Old Arcata Road. The Curbside Clinic is being offered by donation, with a suggested donation of \$20 per person.

For more information, please contact Stacey at cosmosmama@verizon.net or 310.985.3780 or check out acupuncture-in-arcata.com.

Another curbside service comes from caterer Casandra Kelly. Her Thursday Night Take-Out dinners provide a welcome night off from cooking.

She offers a different meal every week, lovingly handmade from local, organic products.

Orders received by 6 p.m. Wednesday are for pick-up the following Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Pick-up alternates between several



BAYSIDE CORNERS Carolyn Jones



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OF MAD RIVER

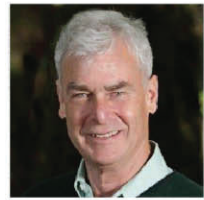
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OPINION

❖ Sign your letter to the Mad River Union with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to opinion@madriverunion.com.

Needless harassment

This week, I got a traffic citation just 2 blocks from my house.

I was driving up a hill and north on a small one-way street (Eastern) and made a right turn at a stop sign there (onto Sunset Avenue), going east.

At that particular intersection, no cars can approach from the left (as that section of Sunset is also a one-way, west of the Eastern intersection).

It is very safe to make a right at this particular stop sign, as there is never anybody coming your way from any direction. It is a small side street that barely anybody uses.

When I drive up that small side street, I slow down and exercise the "right on red" traffic rules when I see that nobody is coming... and that there are no animals crossing the street.

❖ LETTERS

Despite the fact that the right turn I was making was being done in a safe manner, the police officer chose to give me a citation.

Because people are experiencing particularly challenging times at the moment (due to COVID-19 and the general socio-political environment), I felt that it was wrong for the police officer (Chris Rogers, badge #42) to issue this citation.

I was literally less than two blocks from my house. I have lived in this neighborhood for 17 years... and I know how the traffic flows in the neighborhood. I am a safe driver and I am never in trouble with the law about anything.

For a sensible person who is driving safely, it is not appropriate to be given a traffic ticket.

Not only did I find that it was inappropriate for this officer to give me a citation, but I felt quite hassled by being pulled over.

The general sentiment around police officers is not very positive at the moment... and this kind of unnecessary harassment in my own neighborhood is uncalled for.

The police officer could have had a reasonable conversation with me and chosen to give me a warning if he was *really* concerned about the turn safety at that intersection. To me, it felt like he was actually just looking for "some" reason to give a person a ticket.

I told him how safe the slow right turn on that street is... and that I would be sure to be even more careful in the future.

I do not have the money to be dealing with this kind of unnecessary cost and I am trying to contest it.

But because the courts are closed due to COVID-19, contesting this ticket has shown itself to be an even more difficult process than normal.

I feel that the ticket was illegitimately given and I do not have money to be throwing away on needless citations.

I do not want my tax dollars going to a police force that is harassing law abiding citizens... and I surely do not want to give the courts money for needless illegitimate citations that are only given so that a police officer can make some bogus *quota*.

The police have been an oppressive unwanted force in cities all over the US, especially this year. We don't need that kind of bullshit here. Arcata has been able to be a visionary example of positivity in so many other areas (with our preservation of the Arcata Community Forest, with our organic health food stores and bountiful farmers markets, with the progressive way we handle our gray water, and with the support of our thriving arts community).

The worst "crime" I have ever experienced in my neighborhood is a college stalker in the middle of the night once (years ago). To me, that was funny... and probably something of a harmless college prank. Not a real "crime."

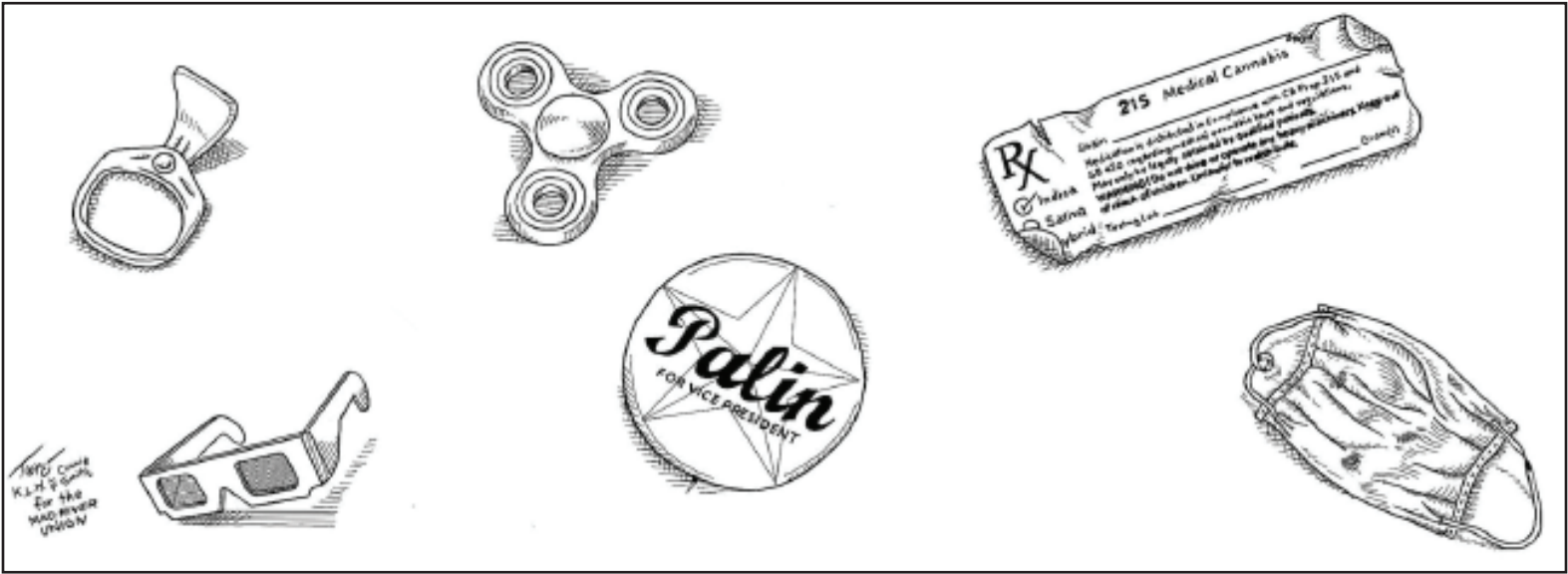
Because we have so little real crime here, it seems that this Arcata police officer was just looking to find something to keep himself busy. I'm sure he's not the only one of the Arcata police officers that is operating in this same manner.

Seriously, our tax dollars could be much better spent on resources for the homeless... or for helping homeowners like me (who need to repair a roof and could use real economic help with other basic home improvements).

Obviously, the Arcata Police force is over-staffed if one of their officers has to harass a contributing community member who is safely driving just two blocks from their home.

Rather than being "keepers of the peace," cops have become "disturbers of the peace"... and this is simply *not* OK.

Trish "The Dish" Riel
Arcata



News Item from the Future: Sifting through the rubble of the present era, archaeologists in the year 2920 encounter a variety of bizarre discarded artifacts deeply embedded in the substrata.

Note: The citation was issued for failure to stop at a stop sign, which the writer acknowledges having done: "I always slow down to an almost full stop before turning right onto Sunset," she said. "I may have made the right turn at about three mph, but I don't know. I was looking at the road, not my speedometer."

Says Police Chief Brian Ahearn: "The appeal for a moving violation is in the form of pleading not guilty which then the guilt or innocence is determined by a judge. This option is available to anyone cited for a moving violation."

Adds Ahearn: "APD does not have a quota." –Ed.

A tasty way to support local law enforcement

Dear Community member:

I have been concerned, as many of you have, of late as to the events that are occurring in our world. One of the issues that is of great concern is the current outbreak of anti-law enforcement sentiment that has been expressed by a vocal minority.

As Rotarians and as community members, we have spent a great deal of time and energy working to have a strong law enforcement presence in our community.

We are fortunate to have Sheriff Honsal. He has created a department that is professional in their conduct and community minded in their approach to enforcing the law. This has not been an easy task to accomplish.

The challenge that we now face is one of finding adequate personnel to staff the department. The current climate in our world is so negative towards law enforcement that few are choosing it as a career field and many are leaving to seek other careers.

Historically, Humboldt County has not been generous with the amount of pay we offer our law enforcement officers. This is going to be a problem as the remaining skilled law enforcement officers are vulnerable to being "poached" by other law enforcement agencies.

In an attempt to stem this drain on our law enforcement officers and also to show our law enforcement community that the Humboldt County community strongly supports their efforts in making and keeping our communities safe.

Mad River Rotary is setting up a fund at Coast Central Credit Union to allow for the purchase of gift cards at our local restaurants.

These cards will be given out to the officers by Sheriff Honsal as a way of saying thank you for the great job they are doing.

Let's let the Humboldt County Sheriff officers know in a very real way that the community is in support of their efforts in keeping all of us safe.

Kevin Jenkins
McKinleyville

Review and report

Since the City of Eureka has a police chief community advisory panel, it makes sense that the panel should review the action staken by the Eureka Police that left John Seiger mortally wounded.

One of the topics that the panel reviews is the use of force. Does firing 27 rounds at a suspect, hitting him eight times, constitute the use of force?

The advisory panel should review the procedures used in the shooting and make the findings public.

Scott R. Baker
McKinleyville

Inflammatory findings

Public health Nurse Erica Dykehouse did the locals a tremendous service exposing the flaws in the local tracing system, and effort to protect the non compliant infected, as well as the meth dealer that contributed to all four county COVID-19 deaths at Alder Bay in Eureka.

I understand that this information was supposed to be confidential. I also understand, if given the choice between specific information that could save *your* life, and the confidentiality requirements, your life takes second place.

Ask Dr Frankovich if you don't believe. She won't put it this way, as it is way too inflammatory to you, the reader.

Confidentiality takes precedence over info that could help the public at large keep themselves safe by identifying the selfish folks that won't isolate and have big BBQs despite knowing they are infected.

I've lost confidence in the county Public Health Dept. that I formerly had. At least meth dealers are safe to pursue their craven habits and get infected and spread it with no regard for your health.

Regards
John Dillon
Eureka

Just say no to arsenic

Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell spoke at tl read with interest the report on the front-page of the Aug. 12 *Union*, "Water district demands risk analysis for dioxin in water'."

There is a contaminant with analogous toxicity to dioxin that is *added* to our public drinking water, but perhaps because it is not dioxin itself this troubling fact receives little attention.

The federal Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) for dioxin is zero (0). This value is reserved for those potential contaminants that should truly not be in public drinking water supplies. The MCLG for arsenic is also zero (0).

The California Public Health Goal (PHG) for dioxin is vanishingly small, as the California PHG does not use the value of zero. The California PHG for arsenic is similarly a vanishingly small number, with only two known carcinogens and dioxin having a smaller PHG for drinking water supplies.

Yet, despite the federal MCLG and CaliforniaA PHG that indicate clearly that arsenic should not be in our drinking water, the City of Arcata knowingly adds arsenic to our public drinking water supply as the most prevalent contaminant of the industrial grade fluoride that the City adds to our drinking water.

(Both sides of the fluoride debate can now wave their arms and raise their respective hullabaloo, but please do not allow the fluoride debate to distract awareness of this separate and distinct issue of arsenic being added to our drinking water. There is no authorization by any City Council resolution or other ordinance for the City to add arsenic to our drinking water. The 1956 City Council ordinance specifies "fluoride." Period. Not "and associated contaminants"; not "arsenic.")

There is also a "Maximum Contaminant Level" values that exist, both federal and state, which are industry-lobbied-for excuses to allow pollutants into our drinking water.

But these MCL values should not serve as excuses for the City to "fill 'er up" by intentionally adding such a poison to our public drinking water supply.

To make matters worse, the City of Ar-

cata neither measures for arsenic nor reports any value for arsenic in our drinking water in its annual "Confidence Report" on contaminants in our drinking water, this despite the City being well aware that they themselves are actively adding arsenic to our drinking water.

In my opinion and objective assessment, there is no rationale for the City to be adding the known poison arsenic to our drinking water.

Would the City knowingly add dioxin to our drinking water? (I think not.)

What would be the public outcry if it was dioxin that was the most prevalent contaminant of the industrial-grade fluoride being added to our drinking water?

What guidance beyond common sense would preclude the City ("Environmental Services") from adding dioxin to our drinking water?

I suggest that arsenic and dioxin are equivalent as contaminants that should be avoided in our drinking water and that whatever guidance and response would accrue regarding dioxin must also be applied regarding arsenic.

Bruce LeBel
Arcata

Note: The Union asked Arcata's Environmental Services dept. for a response to the alarming allegation that Arcata's drinking water is contaminated with arsenic, and was directed to CalEPA's Division of Drinking Water. The agency offered no response before deadline. –Ed.

The 'shithole country' club

President Trump has declared that he will not approve emergency funding for the United States Postal Service. He says doing that will limit the use of mail-in balloting this fall which he falsely claims leads to rampant voter fraud and would also favor Democrats.

Perversely, he does support mail-in balloting in Florida, an important swing state. Somehow he finds it "Safe and Secure, Tried and True."

Trump's effort to rig the election is an action one would expect from the corrupt leader of a so-called "shithole country" i.e. one Trump has defined as a source of undesirable immigrants.

So could it be that under Trump, the US itself now qualifies as a "shithole country?" Let's examine other defining characteristics.

First, the country should have a weak economy with widespread unemployment, and likely also a serious disease spread throughout. The US has all these thanks to the Trump administration's mismanaged COVID-19 response.

Next, the country should have a leader who demonstrates little empathy for the general population; and along with family and friends, financially benefits from being in office.

Trump is certainly not known for empathy, and the supposedly independent Trump Organization partly controlled by his two adult sons has benefitted financially through official use of properties that it owns.

Additionally, Trump has placed family and friends in key paid positions throughout his administration.

Taken altogether, it appears that the U.S. does have enough defining characteristics to qualify as one of the so-called "shithole countries."

Mr. President, welcome to the club!

Sherman Schapiro
Eureka

OPINION ON MEASURE F

Fully fund the Arcata Fire Dept.

I live in an Arcata county/city border area and a few years ago, before Coffee Creek and Paradise were destroyed — back when our local station was always in operation and the firefighters there were an everyday sight, training, washing the engines, and heroically responding whenever emergencies arose — some young adolescents in the neighborhood were experimenting (as youths will always do) with fire in a local field full of dry summer grass.

When this dangerous foolishness was reported by a concerned citizen, the local fire truck showed up just as the boys began

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to lose control of their experiment. They were frozen with awe as the firefighters in their turnout gear went into action.

These caring local heroes not only showed those youngsters the meaning of efficient blue-collar public service, but spent a good 20 minutes questioning and sternly-but-sensitively “counseling” these kids about the true dangers of what they were doing and the unintended consequences that were possible if they continued to amuse themselves this way.

To follow up, the ranking officer at the station made house calls to reinforce with the boys’ parents what they had told the

boys. They did this in such a professional-yet-part-of-the-community way that I’m sure the parents were grateful and the boys have life-long personal heroes.

I don’t know, but I would not be surprised if one or more of them went on to be a firefighter or do some other blue-collar community service work. They certainly did not light any more fires in the neighborhood!

This feeling among community-members of all ages that these uniformed public servants are part of the neighborhood, a reliable part of our *everyday lives*, is one of the most important things that is lost when firehouses become sometimes-used buildings with anonymous workers moving in and out according to a schedule that no one

really knows.

When fully funded, the invaluable work of this honored neighborhood institution goes on even while the firefighters themselves are getting their well-deserved rest—day and night the people of the community, the moms and dads, the grandparents and the children *know* and *feel* that they are there and that the neighborhood is being protected in a way that requires the caring, training, strength and courage of everyday fire-fighters in the neighborhood fire station.

This feeling of reliable safety is priceless. It is all taxpayers’ urgent responsibility to our community and its families to *fund them fully*.

Michael Bickford
Arcata

Addressing confusion and mistaken assumptions about Measure F

This is in response to D. Ziegler’s Letter titled “Fifth AFD Bond?” in the Aug. 5 *Mad River Union*.

My goal in this letter is to address some of the self-admitted confusion that Ms. Ziegler refers to in her letter. I appreciate the research she has done and thank her for the gratitude she mentions in her article.

Health insurance

Arcata Fire District (AFD) pays for health insurance for all full time safety employees. There are multiple tiers of coverage for this benefit while employees are working and when they retire. As insurance costs increased, health insurance benefits were self-cut by employees. Employees are always seeking comparable insurance that is less expensive but in Humboldt County, that is hard to find. AFD covers the cost of health insurance for full-time employees and has absorbed increases as they occurred. The different tiers have come, over the year, as cuts were made.

Health insurance and post-retirement health insurance was the standard for employees hired in the 1990s and early 2000s. An employee hired today is offered health insurance while working and receives health insurance when they retire (age 57) until the reach Medicare enrollment age (65). AFD has an opt-out option for employees who may have access to insurance through their spouse.

In the letter by Ms. Ziegler, she reports a 29 percent increase in health insurance. I do not know where this number came from.

The following reflect the actual health insurance adjustments since 2016: 2016 (21.3 percent increase), 2017 (3.1 percent increase), 2018 (-0.8 percent decrease), 2019 (6.5 percent increase), 2020 (-0.7 percent decrease). As required by contract, AFD has absorbed the increases and saved money when there were decreases.

When comparing AFD health insurance benefits to other fire districts, the benefit are competitive and comparable. AFD pay higher rates in Humboldt County than other counties. Some agencies have better coverage and some have traded to a lesser coverage in exchange for higher salaries.

Determining what is reasonable and customary is very subjective. One may argue that these benefits are very expensive and it is not reasonable to cover such benefits. Others may argue these benefits are fair for someone who is exposed to severe traumatic injury, excessive chemicals, carcinogens, and toxins. I would ask everyone to consider both arguments as valid.

I believe most can agree that health insurance is outrageously priced and the system is beyond broken, especially in Humboldt County. AFD employees consistently shop for options to save costs in this category. However, the health insurance provided by AFD is good insurance that provides fair coverage for its employees. AFD employees have not found comparable insurance for a lesser cost. Deductibles are set with PERS Insurance so this is not an option for saving money on premiums.

Having done this work for 30 years now, I can tell you it is hard on the mind and body. Studies show firefighters die ten years earlier than the average citizen does. There are many reasons for this but the most common are cancer, heart disease, suicide and stroke. Firefighters are 1.4 to 2.02 times at greater risk to get specific cancers than the general American public.

I have personally witnessed many of my mentors die shortly after they left the fire service. All died of cancer and one died of a heart attack.

Obviously, I am biased but I would argue fairness in health insurance for retirees after they served 30 to 40 years as a career firefighter with many serving another 20

years as a volunteer firefighter. That is a lot of exposure to nasty stuff, mentally and physically. Having shared that, I would argue post-retirement health insurance is reasonable for firefighters who work a full career. In certain circumstances, some of these illnesses may be covered under workers compensation, but this becomes far more difficult once an employee retires. Typically, this is when firefighters begin to struggle with these illnesses. One of AFD’s youngest firefighters just returned to work after battling cancer for the last year. Firefighters live this reality every day.

AFD provides dental insurance (\$141.91/month family) and is self-insured vision (\$280/year) for full-time career employees. Once the employee retires, they no longer receive dental or vision. In my opinion, both of these appear to be reasonably priced.

Social Security and Medicare

Full-time safety employees do not pay into or receive Social Security. AFD employees opted out of Social Security long ago. Even though many have 10 to 20 years of paying into it before they became firefighters.

Those who paid into it pre-fire service, automatically have their Social Security benefit cut by 50 percent when they reach benefit age. Employees pay 50 percent of their Medicare cost.

Property sales

I apologize for beating a dead horse on this topic because I have covered it multiple times in past letters.

AFD has never owned property at 11th and M streets or at Foster and Sunset avenues. The Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association owned the Sunset Street property and sold it to use the money for the Arcata and McKinleyville Fire Station renovations. AVFA still owns the property at 11th and M Streets and rents most of it to pay down the \$1.7 million in debt service that was taken out to renovate Arcata and McKinleyville Stations. Both of these projects were done using donations, bequests, fundraising monies, and a loan.

AFD did not pay for the station renovations using tax dollars. However, AFD rents the Arcata Fire Station for \$8,000/month from AVFA and the rent money is used to pay down the loan. \$8,000/month is fair market value for this commercial property.

AFD owns property in Bayside and this property is for sale. This was purchased under Chief Murphy’s (1980s) tenure to protect reserves and potentially add a fire station. AFD owns the Mad River and McKinleyville Fire Stations.

PERS retirement and unfunded liability

Included in the AFD budget is a substantial amount for unfunded CALPERS liability (\$365,000). There is another line item for CALPERS Retirement (\$333,000). Ms. Ziegler’s numbers are from a previous budget year and the numbers I am providing are from this budget year (2021/2022).

I agree that these are high-cost items. Unfunded liability is the difference between CALPERS projected investment and actual return on investment.

To summarize, they didn’t make as much as they thought on the investment and AFD is responsible for their fair portion. This an extremely basic summary as it is MUCH more complicated than my brief explanation. Public retirements are a bittersweet benefit. Bitter in the fact they are expensive and they never seem to go away.

Unfunded liabilities are a huge topic in today’s economy. Understandable. These liabilities were created more than 40 years ago when employees were promised a public pension, worked an entire career, and then they retired. These retirements were promised and they cannot be taken away.

The good news is we recognized this and

changes have been made and continue to be made to fix the problem.

Unfortunately, these fixes are not overnight and they commonly take 20 to 30 years to correct. Not only did AFD employees self-correct their retirement benefit, the State also mandated changes to the system. Regardless of the many changes made, retirement benefits are expensive.

In full disclosure, I am one of the classic employees who don’t pay for my retirement. This is the primary reason why I have remained at Arcata Fire District for my entire career. The second reason is the health insurance benefit I receive. The third reason is I wanted to live in Humboldt County and raise my family here.

I have had multiple opportunities to leave and work for another fire department at double or triple the salary. My benefits kept me at AFD. I was willing to accept the lower salary because the benefits were good. Had my benefits been cut, I would have left without question. This fact must be considered when we discuss the cost of benefits.

Employee benefits are expensive. If you offer comparable and competitive salary and benefits, you will be more likely to retain employees for a career. Since AFD employees and the state began cutting benefits, the incentive to stay at AFD for a career has diminished. AFD salaries are not comparable and competitive to other fire departments in the state.

Firefighters can leave AFD and work almost anywhere else in the state for a much higher salary and comparable benefits. We recently lost a senior fire captain who had the “classic” benefit package. He left to work for a salary that is double what he made at AFD. He still works in Humboldt County.

We must consider the loss on investment when a long-time employee leaves AFD to work somewhere else. When you lose an employee that has 10, 15, or 20 years with AFD, we must consider more than the salary and benefit cost.

Yes, we will replace the employee with a less expensive employee at the bottom who has cheaper benefits and a lower salary. In the case of a fire captain leaving, we promote a firefighter to a captain and we hire a less expensive firefighter at the bottom.

Now, let us review the loss. Institutional knowledge is the first. Senior employees know the ins and outs and intricacies of the fire district. Where are the hydrants, where are the target hazards, what the inside of buildings look like and where are the occupants, what resources are available to assist, what are my teams specialties, who can I use to fill two assignments on an incident, what does this patients symptoms indicate, etc...

Experience is everything in this line of work. Firefighters make life and death decisions and the public expects perfection when we respond. The public deserves perfection. When the community loses an experienced firefighter, they lose all of the money they have invested in that firefighter and all of the knowledge the firefighter carried, which was specific to Arcata Fire District. Talk about adding to unfunded liability.

When AFD loses a long-time career member to another fire department who pays double or triple the salary, it adds to the unfunded liability in a huge way. We have to retain our firefighters or we are throwing money away!

Four bonds?

This may be semantics, but AFD does not have bonds.

Property owners in the fire district have a 1997 special tax and a 2006 benefit assessment on their property tax bill. Neither of these self-imposed funding measures have an inflation factor. This means the money will only last so long before inflation catches up to it and that time passed long

ago at AFD.

Hence, the reason AFD has been deficit spending for three years. I agree property taxes and insurance go up every year. Fuel, groceries, clothing, utilities, etc... go up every year. AFD’s budget does not keep up with inflation, which is why AFD has to ask for another self-imposed funding measure-Measure F.

Call volume

In 2019, AFD ran 3,860 calls. Not all of these were fires. I can see why Ms. Ziegler was confused. That would be many fires. Approximately 45 percent are EMS, 5 percent are fires, and the balance are miscellaneous calls such as lift assist, power lines down, etc...

Insurance costs

Ms. Ziegler is correct when she says insurance costs go up every year. That has been my experience with my personal policies. In his opinion column, Jack Durham was referring to the massive increase that will occur if AFD doesn’t restore its staffing.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) rates AFD every five years. The last rating occurred in 2015, shortly after AFD began staffing the Arcata Station. AFD improved to a Class 3/3Y.

If AFD is not able to reopen its third station, they will drop back to a Class 4, which will result in a significant increase in insurance. If Measure F fails, AFD is looking at selling specialty equipment such as the ladder truck. AFD will also consider placing all on-duty firefighters at one station, which would leave Arcata and McKinleyville Stations closed.

This will have a drastic impact on the ISO rating and everyone’s insurance premiums. We all have a choice to invest in our fire department or accept the consequences.

COVID

We all understand COVID and the impact it has on our economy. We empathize with our neighbors and businesses who have been impacted to such extremes. Unfortunately, AFD has no choice but to ask for a funding measure to maintain the essential service it provides.

Chief McDonald and the AFD Board of Directors have been transparent from the beginning. They have no secrets and there is nothing to hide. All of their contracts, budgets, and board minutes are on the AFD webpage.

Bottom line, AFD is broke and needs community support or services will be lost and public safety will be impacted. Without a fire department that is adequately staffed, the risk is higher and the loss will be greater.

\$3,000 signs?

I was surprised by this paragraph in Ms. Ziegler’s letter. The station-closed signs that are hung in the fire station window when the station is closed was donated by a local business. The sign has a value of \$70.

I have no idea where Ms. Ziegler came up with \$3,000 to \$4,000 for the sign cost. To accuse AFD of spending that much money is mind-blowing.

Measure F

AFD is asking the community to approve Measure F in November. The typical single-family residence will see an increase of \$98/year on their tax bill if they vote yes. This is 26 cents per day.

Are you willing to risk your family, property, neighbor, or community for 26 cents a day? I would hope not. I ask that you support AFD and the dedicated firefighters who serve this organization with your YES vote in November.

Sean Campbell is a Battalion Chief with the Arcata Fire District and has 30 years in the fire service. He is a certified Chief Fire Officer through the State Fire Marshal’s Office and has been serving our community as a firefighter, coach and volunteer since 1990.

COVID | Headed for state’s watch list

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The re-start of the school year will contribute to it.

Asked if the county can shut down in-person schooling if precautions aren’t followed, Ennis said school administrations are responsible for sticking to reopening plans and if parents are concerned, they can talk about it with school administrators and district superintendents.

“With 70-plus schools, Public Health is not able to manage individually each and every individual school,” he continued.

Parents can help limit the impacts by avoiding direct interactions with other households.

“I think that it is important that families keep activities to their family for the most part, their household unit, as much as possible so that the number of different places where children may be exposed to other children or adults is small,” said county Health

Officer Teresa Frankovich in an Aug. 10 video.

The county has seen an increase in the percentage of children getting COVID-19, she continued, mostly from family members after the disease affects their households.

She added that the percentage of infected children will “certainly” increase.

But she said the county is “not quite” at the point of being put on the state’s watch list, which would require that schooling only be done online.

That threshold may soon be crossed. “We’re definitely seeing an increase in cases in Humboldt County,” said county Public Health Clinic and Communicable Disease Program Supervisor Hava Phillips in an Aug., 12 video. “It’s a strong upward trend and I don’t think that we expect to see that change in the near future.”

HSU Pushback

In a cautionary Aug. 11 email to Humboldt

State University (HSU) President Tom Jackson Jr., Frankovich advised that because of the county’s ascending case rate, “I believe we have moved to a place in which on-site instruction cannot be accomplished safely at this moment in time.”

She notes that the county logged 72 new cases in the previous two weeks, 48 of them in the prior week.

“Our 14-day case rate per 100,000 went from about 28 one month ago to 50 as of Monday,” she continued. “We are detecting more community transmission cases and 42 percent of our cases are under 30 years.”

After further correspondence and a phone conversation, Jackson emailed Frankovich on Aug. 13 to let her know he is “shocked at your sudden shift in position” following many weeks of collaborative planning.

“I am disappointed and our confidence has been shaken in your department’s ability to meet this challenge as our partner,” he continued.

Jackson also describes Frankovich’s email as including “prejudicial statements” and he

tells her that “it seems irresponsible to assume that students from outside the county are a threat, particularly in a county that remains fully open for travel and tourism.”

The emails were released by the county on Aug. 14, shortly after the posting of a media availability video with Frankovich.

Timely release of the exchanges was demanded in a submitted question by the *North Coast Journal*, whose editor, Thadeus Green-son, has a track record of successfully pressuring government and policing transparency.

Responding to another question about potential impacts, Frankovich acknowledged the concerns but was conciliatory, detailing HSU’s precautionary measures in housing about 750 students and resuming in-person instruction on Sept. 8.

“They are planning to move forward and we plan to basically support them in whatever way we can,” she said, adding that “we’ll be partners throughout this COVID season.”

That day, the county confirmed seven new cases of COVID-19.

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Just over 225 students moved in, with more to follow in coming days. Many were accompanied by family members, though far fewer than in previous years.

As always, Housing staff and others from across campus were on hand to welcome the students and get them oriented to campus living. Other staff, faculty and administrators found ways to support and greet the students (all appropriately distanced and wearing face coverings, of course). New grab-and-go food offerings, along with samples and giveaways, were available from Dining.

All the students, like HSU employees, are being asked to adhere

to the HSU Social Responsibility Commitment.

“Parents and families are really appreciating all we have done as a campus related to care for students, testing, the face-to-face, and the way we have been communicating,” said Stephen St. Onge, HSU’s associate vice president for student success. “It’s definitely smaller than usual, but I can say today has gone very well.”

By next week, the university expects about 800 students to be moved in and living individually in campus residence halls. That’s less than half the capacity of campus housing, a result of HSU’s decision to convert all rooms to single occupancy and to set aside 162 spaces

for students to be isolated if they become sick.

The lower number of residents makes for a striking difference in residence halls. For example, 27 students will be living in Cedar instead of the usual 53. In Cypress, there will be 96 students in single rooms instead of filling all 231 beds. Fern will have 22 residents instead of 66, and Campus Apartments will have 63 occupants instead of filling all 206 beds.

HSU is working to provide expanded opportunities for these students, and other students living off campus, to connect virtually through online events and presentations. As the semester progresses, additional campus services will open to students.

All students living on campus are expected to self-quarantine for 14

days. And in a change announced Friday, the on-campus residents are also being tested for COVID-19 multiple times while they self-quarantine.

That additional testing resulted from a campus appeal to the CSU system and the Governor’s Office, following concerns about capacity raised by Humboldt County Public Health.

The state was able to provide additional resources to make the increased level of testing possible. As of Saturday, the county had provided 400 additional tests, with more to come.

“Our testing during move-in has gone well this morning, with positive feedback from families,” said Jason Meriwether, vice president for Enrollment Management. “As they return to campus, our students

are committed to social responsibility, health, and safety on their path to earning a degree and contributing to society.”

As for other testing, the Student Health Center will continue to offer opt-in testing for any student as well as testing for students who show symptoms. The Health Center is also periodically testing student-athletes, based on recent guidance from the Governor’s Office.

Virtual instruction begins Aug. 24, and limited face-to-face instruction begins Sept. 8. In order to keep overall density low on campus, most faculty and staff will continue to telecommute either most of the time or entirely. The campus remains closed to the public.

Details and updates about the Fall semester are available on the HSU Campus Ready website.

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“Implementation of this guidance as part of a phased reopening will depend on local conditions including epidemiologic trends (such as new COVID-19 case and hospitalization consistently stable or decreasing over at least 14 days), availability of IHE and community testing resources and adequate IHE preparedness and public health capacity to respond to case and outbreak investigations.” At this time, we are not able to meet these pre-conditions.

My specific concerns are as follows;

1) Epidemiology: We are reporting out a current total of 293 cases today for Humboldt County. We have now had 72 cases in the past two weeks, 48 in the past week. Our 14-day case rate per 100,000 went from about 28 one month ago to 50 as of Monday. We are detecting more community transmission cases and 42% of our cases are under 30 years. Our positives increased by 20% in the past week. In addition, we have had three hospitalizations in the past week due to COVID which is an increase in our baseline.

2) Testing: While we have successfully built our internal Public Health Lab (PHL) testing capacity and within the next week should have capacity to test as many as 300 specimens per day, our Optum site has become problematic due to long turnaround times. As you know, we have been working with community partners, including HSU, to create an alternate testing strategy and believe we will have excellent capacity in October if all goes according to plan. Until then, testing is limited primarily to our PHL and Optum, which would clearly fall short in meeting demand for a large surge occurring in context of a return of students to dorms and on-site learning at HSU. Robust testing with fast turnaround is essential to manage cases on campus that will inevitably occur and are very likely to occur quickly as we bring students from across the state to the area, many of whom are coming from places where disease circulation is vastly higher than ours. There will be positive students walking onto campus without question and congregate housing will increase transmission risk enormously.

3) Contact investigation: We are currently managing a large number of case investigations due to the rapid increase in cases, made challenging by the large numbers of contacts associated with many of them as well as cases in high risk settings for large outbreaks. We continue to build capacity but hiring and training is time-intensive and not simply accomplished through just on-line training. While we are managing our current caseload well, we are positioned such that a large number of cases occurring in a short time frame such as return to campus, would be a potential tipping point for overwhelming the system, risking wider spread of the virus.

As I have discussed with your team members over this past week, I envision having markedly enhanced testing and investigation capacity in October but we are not there yet. I know the safety of the students, staff and community have been at the forefront of your discussions and I am sorry that local conditions make moving forward as planned make this impractical at present.

instruction and dorm living at this time. COVID-19 continues to take its toll and we all look forward to the time when an effective vaccine or treatment makes all of this manageable and allows us to return to a beautiful normal.

Best Regards, Terry

‘Your perspective is noted’

From: Tom R Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Frankovich, Teresa
Cc: Sherie Gordon; Wilson, Mike
Subject: HSU

Dr. Frankovich,

Thank you for reaching out to me. It is unfortunate your perspective has shifted despite our best efforts as a major and essential enterprise to be due diligent and helpful to your office. I also regret you not waiting and speaking to me first before writing a long email to me.

I now must respond to you in greater detail in writing, but hope we have a chance to speak first.

Your perspective is noted. I am also providing a link to the Governor’s guidelines in case you are not familiar with them. As we proceed as we have consistently and carefully planned, we will continue to update you on additional measures we will be taking given Public Health’s limitations. The days are long but let’s try and find a small window of time to chat.

files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-higher-education--en.pdf

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President
Humboldt State University

‘A delayed start date could serve everyone well’

From: Frankovich, Teresa
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Tom R Jackson
Cc: Sherie Gordon; Wilson, Mike
Subject: RE: HSU

Good morning. Thanks for responding. As I referenced in my email, I had hoped to speak with you yesterday but did not hear back from you over the course of the day so sent you an email around 6 pm. Cris had also let me know you were unavailable to join our call on Monday.

I would have much preferred to chat but I knew the lead time was short and out of courtesy to you, your staff and the students impacted, I wanted to be sure you had information before your leadership team met. It seemed to me with an issue of this magnitude, I should be discussing it with you rather than the EPC. The Governor’s guidance was actually quoted in my email so yes, am definitely aware. The issues are not Public Health’s issues, they are our community’s issues and being faced by communities across the state. That is why we have been transparent in discussions all along that the COVID landscape could change and necessitate a shift to virtual learning only. It is the same discussion we have had with K-12 schools for months as well.

I would be happy to talk about options and sincerely feel that a delayed start date could serve everyone well. I look forward to speaking with you.

Terry

I am shocked at your sudden shift in position despite the fact that your team has been working with HSU on our plans for fall semester since June. I am disappointed and our confidence has been shaken in your department’s ability to meet this challenge as our partner.

We are moving forward with our plan to welcome a very limited number of students into our residence halls according to the Governor’s and CSU guidelines and current public health protocols. If you have any further plans to use your authority to obstruct this plan (in spite of supporting it earlier), we must be informed immediately. We anticipate such an action would produce a hardship for many students who do not have other housing arrangements. We have further concerns that many students would need to quickly find housing in the community, and in that case we would not have the same capacity to help monitor them and influence their activities.

It also seems perplexing that you are suggesting we should deny housing to students, who are also county residents, who will reside in Humboldt permanently when 150 hotels, 87 groceries, 34 gyms and studios, 145 barbers and hair salons, and 125 restaurants in the county are currently open and accepting guests from all over the country. Thousands of tourists have been welcomed into our County given that the travel restriction has remained lifted all summer. Restriction on travel continues to be lifted because there was an identified need county-wide for economic stimulus. We are struggling to understand the distinctions you are making between the threat/risk of the thousands of tourists coming in and out of the county, providing a very temporary economic stimulus, compared to the social and economic value of the University bringing a more stable population (adhering to public health protocols) to accomplish the same public goal.

We are moving forward with our plans for very limited face-to-face instruction according to the Governor’s and CSU guidelines and current public health protocols. As you know, in our approved plan, the face-to-face aspects of our instructional operation begins September 8. If you anticipate using your authority to further obstruct this plan, we must be informed immediately. Such action would be inconsistent with the Governor’s guidelines, with which we are in compliance, and unusual across the CSU with the other campuses offering some form of face-to-face instruction or service to students in their counties.

I can appreciate your concerns regarding your office’s inability to potentially meet a substantially worse outbreak. As only one of 23 communities with a CSU, and thoroughly knowing and participating in the development of our operational plan since June, it was our expectation that Public Health would have anticipated these limitations within your area well before now and adjusted service delivery in preparation for and support of the implementation of our plan. We welcome conversations with you about what else we can do to help you and your department address any resource or capacity shortcomings within your department.

As we offered earlier, HSU will substantially increase our testing ability for students. While we recognize this is a resource managed and available by Public Health, given the limitations in the County, we have acted swiftly to incorporate student testing into our campus plan for the Fall semester.

I can also appreciate your feeling that you

will be better prepared by October. Unfortunately, denying on-campus housing until October isn’t a viable option for a major institution such as HSU, especially given that there is no guarantee what you described will be available in October. We are willing to work with you to become ready now. We can also advocate for additional support to your department if you want us to do so.

There are prejudicial statements in your email that are concerning. It seems irresponsible to assume that students from outside the county are a threat, particularly in a county that remains fully open for travel and tourism. While the younger adult population certainly fits the risk profile, residents remain able to leave and return to the county. Businesses all over Humboldt County are open, hairdressers are cutting, patio seating is available, gyms are open, apartment complexes are renting, hotels are open, airplanes are arriving, and retail stores are selling goods. These alone account for a substantially greater number of adults than what HSU would have on campus and in isolation. The focus on HSU students is inequitable and perplexing.

HSU has one of the best operational plans for a higher education institution in the state. While health is your primary concern, your position seems based on several projected assumptions connecting directly to HSU students. If I close housing directly on these assumptions, I need to consider the impact of triple digit layoffs, hundreds of students possibly stopping their education, loss of health care insurance, collective bargaining agreements, and potentially millions of dollars lost to the region. HSU also houses some people that may have housing insecurities, low income, or are coming from abusive environments. I doubt you are suggesting we put these people on the street. We also house many persons of color. Again, I do not think you are suggesting we put these individuals out onto the street or suggest they should not progress toward a degree in this community, but your position will lead us there. Having limited campus housing actually helps the County because it allows HSU to provide concentrated support, testing, safety, and education to students that would not be as readily available in the County. Many students have already cancelled their leases and will be a part of this community whether they are in the residence halls or in private housing.

We have more than exceeded the Governor’s recommended guidance. We have also offered to you other alternatives to try and alleviate your recent fears, which you have not yet accepted. Those were examples of a university trying to assist you in your role without success. The condition of the County is not a result of newly arriving student residents. It is directly related to the soundness of partnerships like ours and Public Health’s commitment to promoting the health of all residents, including residents enrolled at HSU.

We have kept our commitment, as an essential and critical organization in this community, to keep your department informed. Our assessment of our campus readiness is strong. While we have never tried to meet the impossibly high bar of being risk free, we have been consistent and diligent in our risk reduction. We are committed to being a partner and hope Public Health remains committed to being a partner for the better good of our entire community.

I am copying a number of important individuals so they are aware of this email and its context.

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President
Humboldt State University

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Dog waste doesn't biodegrade like wild animal waste. It sticks around for a long time. Meanwhile, it contains harmful bacteria, pollutes groundwater, and smells disgusting on the bottom of a shoe. Please help keep parks, trails, and neighborhoods free of poop piles by packing out your dog's waste.

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Let's talk about dogshit

119 annual tons of Fido emissions cause all manner of enviro-mayhem in Arcata

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The Environmental Services Department would like to remind dog owners to pick up after their pets and to properly dispose of used pet waste bags in the garbage.

Over 950 dogs live, play and poop in Arcata, producing over 237,500 pounds of solid waste each year.

In addition to keeping yards and shoes clean, the simple act of picking up pet waste, and disposing of it properly, helps keep us all healthy by keeping harmful bacteria, parasites and plastic waste out of local water sources.

All community members are required by city law to pick up their pet's waste in a closed or sealed container and to properly dispose of it in a trash receptacle.

Used pet waste bags must not be left on trails, in parks, public spaces or even in private trash containers without the consent of the container's owner, as doing so is a violation of city law.

To assist pet owners, the city of Arcata has Dogi-Pot pet waste stations at most parks and playgrounds, which come equipped with disposable mini-pet waste bags.

Community members out enjoying a walk with their pets must use the Dogi-Pot pet waste stations to dispose of their pet's waste whenever necessary.

Below are some additional pet waste tips from the Environmen-

tal Services Department:

- Always clean up after your dog on walks and remind your neighbors and friends to do the same.
- Use biodegradable pet waste bags whenever possible.
- Carry disposable bags every time you walk your pet.
- Ensure you have extra pet waste bags in your car, purse, backpack or pocket, so you are always prepared.
- Always dispose of used pet waste bags in the garbage. If there is no trash can readily available when hiking on City trails, always pack your trash out with you.
- Keep pet waste out of compost piles and yard waste bins.
- Avoid letting your pet do their business within 200 feet of a body of water.
- Never throw pet waste into a storm drain. Storm drains lead straight to local creeks, streams and to Humboldt Bay without filtration.

While it is common courtesy to pick up after your dog when you go on walks, it is also wise to pick up after them at home.

Some diseases can be transmitted from pet waste to humans through contact with the soil, and children playing outside and adults who garden are most at risk.

For more information, please visit cityofarcata.org or call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184.



WHAT A WASTE City of Arcata Parks & Playgrounds Map with Dogi-Pot Locations. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

A Tale of Two Mamas: Chica and Deja

Week 22. We seem to be having a heat wave here so it's a good day for a tale of two mamas and two wading pools!

First up is Chica, the very pregnant dog from last week's column. Chica settled into her towel-filled wading pool last Wednesday and tried to find a way to get comfortable, not an easy thing to do when your pregnant belly is almost bigger than the rest of you!



DOG TOWN Mara Segal

Thursday afternoon the first tiny pup emerged. Just as we were starting to wonder about the rest of them, the second little one made its appearance and brave



Deja in the pool.



Chica and puppies.

mama Chica and her equally brave foster mom Michelle spent the next ten hours helping the other nine pop out.

By number 11, Chica was exhausted. Fortunately Michelle was there to help get the last one

cleaned up and nestled in with the rest. We got to see them the next afternoon and by then everyone was doing just fine. Chica is a model mother, keeping her brood gathered up close and apparently even singing to calm them! Chica's babies have some growing to do now but they will be adoptable in about two months. We'll update periodically as they grow.

These puppies are part of Redwood Pals Rescue; you can reach us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com.

Our other mama dog is Deja. Deja and her pups were brought to the shelter after an Animal Control visit to their former home indicated that they needed a change of venue.

On top of everything else, Deja and her puppies had ringworm, an infectious fungal infection that has a long course of treatment,

even if the infection is a mild one.

Finally Deja is cleared for adoption! Her three-month-old pups should be available in the next week or so.

This compact (40 pounds or so) little dog is super smart and a lot of fun. She loves her wading pool and will even pick up toys from under the water.

Deja is a great fetcher; she fetches and returns the ball and will happily play for as long as the human wishes but is willing to stop when the game is over. She has some prey drive and would probably be best in a home without cats or chickens, but she is also quite the hunter and would be happy to take care of any rodents that you might want dispensed with.

Deja has good leash manners and is friendly with most dogs, with a preference for the big boys. She would be a great candidate for agility between her smarts, size and willingness to try new things.

Deja is available through the Humboldt County Shelter, still doing meet and greets by appointment only. You can reach them Monday through Friday at (707) 840-9132 for more information or to arrange an appointment.

Measure F | Mad River Station sole survivor

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'Just shocking'

If Measure F fails, the district may reduce its services, consolidate into a single station and stop providing mutual aid to nearby communities.

This would result in longer response times, meaning fires would grow larger before suppression efforts are underway. People with life-threatening medical conditions would wait longer for emergency assistance, and those with non-life-threatening problems, like those needing help after falling, would receive no help at all.

"It's just shocking when you read what if Measure F fails," said Paul Nicholson, an insurance agent who attended the Aug. 11 Zoom meeting.

If Measure F passes, the average single family home would be assessed \$118 a year. The tax would replace an existing tax, resulting in a net increase of \$98 a year for such a household.

That money would allow the district to keep its three stations open, each staffed with two firefighters, 24/7.

To plug its deficit, the district has closed one of its stations on a rotating basis and has left open firefighter positions vacant. The district serves McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Jacoby Creek and Manila.

With the measure's funding, the district would restore eight firefighter positions that have been frozen due to budget cuts. The district would also set aside \$200,000 a year to replace its aging fire engines. This would allow the district to eventually purchase engines without going into debt and paying interest.

Money would also be set aside to upgrade the district's radios, some of which are 15 years old.

"Our radio system is kind of piece-mealed together," McDonald told the board.

But if the measure fails, the district is going to have to adapt to a new budget reality.

"We're going to have to stop kicking the can down the road," AFD Chief Justin McDonald told the board.

The district had dipped into reserves in the hope that voters would approve a tax measure, which narrowly failed on March 3. If voters reject Measure F on Nov. 3, the district would need to stabilize its

finances, keep up with inflation and make sure its staff has cost-of-living adjustments, McDonald said.

To accomplish this, it would need to cut expenses.

Close two stations

One way of doing so would be to consolidate four firefighters into a single station. That station would be the Mad River Station on Janes Road near Mad River Community Hospital.

The Downtown Arcata Station would permanently close and the McKinleyville Station would effectively no longer have its own fire station.

The Arcata Station is owned by the non-profit Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association, which took out a \$1.7 million loan from Redwood Capital Bank years ago to remodel the Arcata and McKinleyville stations.

The district pays the nonprofit \$96,000 a year for the Arcata Station. The association uses that money to pay its loan.

If the district walks away from the Arcata Station, the association would likely default on its loan and permanently lose the station, which sits on prime downtown real estate.

"This is potentially the death knell for the volunteer organization," said volunteer Roy Willis.

This would have additional consequences for the district, being that the nonprofit is constantly applying for grants, big and small, to replace equipment and fund repairs and improvements.

The district would also do away from specialty equipment that it could afford to maintain, such as ladder and rescue trucks, and reserve engines.

The ladder truck is expensive to maintain. According to McDonald, the district would need to put aside \$10,000 a year to pay for maintenance and replacement parts for just the ladder truck alone.

Without a ladder truck, the district would have to ask for help from Humboldt Bay Fire for buildings taller than one and a half stories. This would delay fire response, as the ladder truck would have to respond from Eureka.

McDonald said that all of these reductions will ultimately affect the district's fire rating, which would eventually result in higher fire insurance premiums.

Dispatch | Needless alarms, inferior communications

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leyville, only the firefighters at the McKinleyville Station (if open) would be notified.

The new system, however, notifies all of Arcata Fire's stations.

At nighttime, when firefighters are sleeping, an alarm will sound and overhead lights will automatically come on. This is normal for the crew that is going to respond

to the incident, but crews that don't need to respond are also woken up.

Firefighter Scott Gordinier, representing Arcata Professional Firefighters Local 4981, told the AFD Board of Directors at its Aug. 11 meeting that being unnecessarily woken up repeatedly at night can cause fatigue, which can be physically and mentally

unhealthy.

Gordinier said that his union would like to meet and confer with management to try to resolve the problem.

Another downside of the new arrangement is that firefighters are sharing a radio frequency with about 35 other agencies.

This can create confusion, with so many voices on the radio.

Electric vehicle webinar

REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY HUMBOLDT — The Redwood Coast Energy Authority invites the public to a free online presentation that will cover the basics of electric vehicles, the benefits of buying one, and what incentives are available. Two sessions will be offered on Wednesday, Aug. 26, the first at 10 to 11 a.m. with a repeat at 5:30 p.m.

Both one-hour webinars will include time for attendees to ask questions.

Register for the zoom webinar on RCEA's website, redwoodenergy.org/get-involved/repowerhour.

Transportation Specialist Sophia Valenzuela

will talk about the different types of electric vehicles, financial incentives and assistance, consumer benefits, environmental benefits, fuel and maintenance savings, and charging options.

RCEA plans to roll out an EV rebate this fall that will be an add-on to the California Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

Details will be provided during the webinar.

Transportation continues to be the largest source of GHG emissions in Humboldt County and every EV that replaces a combustion engine brings us one step closer to our goal of reducing our impact.

BARBERS IN WAITING

Barbers Ken Murrell (right) and his nephew "Junior" Murrell (grandson of Leroy) await their first walk-in customers at the McKinleyville Barber Shop on a recent morning. LeRoy Burrell, who started the barber shop 50 years ago, provided most of the animals displayed in the shop but Junior Burrell said he does most of the hunting in the family these days. Most of the work done the mounted or stuffed animals was done at Eells Taxidermist in Merlin, Oregon.

PHOTO BY MARK LARSON



All creatures masked and shorn at McK Barber Shop

Mark Larson
SPECIAL TO THE UNION
McKINLEYVILLE — Who would have predicted that getting a haircut would be missed so much during a pandemic?

But when barber shops and salons started to reopen to meet the pent-up demand for haircuts, they had to take extra precau-

tions to keep customers safe from the coronavirus.

At the McKinleyville Barber Shop, the 50-year-old local institution recently "masked up" not just the barbers but also the many stuffed animals and mounted heads on its walls.

The family-owned and operated McKinleyville Barber Shop, located next to the totem pole in the McKinleyville Shopping Center, took this unusual precaution to help make its customers laugh and also as a reminder for everyone to wear masks while getting a haircut.

All of the dozens of mounted wildlife heads on the walls at the McKinleyville Barber Shop, including two jackalope, are wearing masks during this corona-virus era.

On a busy day recently at the walk-in two-chair shop (no appointments), barber Ken Murrell said his father, LeRoy, who started the shop 50 years ago, came up with the idea to place masks on the walls and other stuffed animals.

Ken said his father didn't realize what a time-consuming job it would be but had predicted correctly that it would make a timely conversation piece, in addition to the usual topics of hunting, sports, fishing and politics.

The three-generations



the shop.

In some instances, widows of veterans brought the hats in after their husband's death. Other hats on the wall have been provided by active-duty members of local fire and law-enforcement agencies and the Coast Guard who get their haircuts at the shop.

Stop by the shop Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and take a look at the mounted heads wearing masks and may-

THAT'S DIFFERENT This display case holds a masked blonde-color phase black bear with a porcupine at its feet.

PHOTO BY MARK LARSON

of barbers in the Murrell family (Leroy, son Ken and LeRoy's grandson "Junior") have the hunting taxidermy and sports memorabilia around the shop, but customers of this long-time local barber shop have provided the caps and hats that also cover the shop's walls.

Many of the hats on the walls were left by military veterans who got their haircuts at



HEAD FURNISHINGS This wall features many hats donated by members of the Coast Guard and other military branches.

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CONFRONTATION AT BAYWOOD

PATIO PARLEY Men mill about on Baywood Golf & Country Club's back patio during the yelling-rich exchange. The man at left reportedly used an epithet to describe a woman who asked not to be struck by golf ball, which the people involved deny. The man at center right ("John Smith") was described as urging someone to aim a golf ball at her, an allegation also denied.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Country club investigates golfer-walker clash

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Two women out on an afternoon walk found themselves harassed and threatened by a mouthy group of men a week ago Friday.

While verbal harassment of women is far from uncommon in Arcata, this incident – complete with projectiles – took place not in a dank alley, on the much-maligned Plaza or in some low-income or industrial neighborhood, but amid the ritzy, rolling greens of outer Golf Course Road.

As Sunny Braer Kathleen Marshall and a walking companion strolled past Baywood Golf and Country Club Aug. 7 just after 5 p.m., Marshall saw a man – one of several unmasked individuals mingling on the clubhouse patio up the hill – hit a ball down toward a putting green, located right next to the road, along which they were walking.

"I wasn't sure where it was going to land, but it sure looked as if it could easily hit one of us, as we were directly in its path," Marshall said. "I waved to get their attention, stepped up to the fence and yelled, 'Hey guys. Could you wait to keep hitting your balls this way until we pass by, 'cause we can't really tell where the ball is going to land and it's pretty scary'."

Rather than heed the request, Marshall said, "the same man who hit the first ball lobbed another one straight towards us." Like the previous dimpled missile, the ball landed on the roadside green.

Still, said Marshall, "I have been walking along that route for a long time and have never seen anyone drive a ball to that green. It is a putting green!"

She said the driving defiance was accompanied by a coarse catcall by another man: "Hey bitch, it's a golf course!"

"I asked if he would like to claim that statement and identify himself," Marshall said, to which he yelled, 'You're on private property. Get out of here.'"

(Golf Course Road, which winds southeast from Buttermilk Lane outside Arcata city limits, is a public road which Baywood straddles. Its clubhouse is on the road's east side, with the 18-hole course to the west.)

Another man urged the man who'd hit the first drive to direct another ball at the women walking below. "Hit her!" Marshall said he yelled. At this, Marshall started trying to document the unfolding harassment.

"I asked him if he would like to identify himself, then pulled out my phone to try to get some video, at which point the second guy [who had yelled "Hit her!"] yelled that his name was 'John Smith,' Marshall said.

At the appearance of a camera phone, the rest of the patio-goers dispersed, turned their backs and busied themselves putting on masks, – none among the sportsmen speaking up to temper the hostile disrespect toward the passing women.

"Not a single one of them objected to the way these two were harassing me, or tried to intervene as I was threatened," Marshall said.

With matters trending poorly, Marshall and her walking pal continued on their journey, away from the sketchy Baywood area.

"That was the first time in my life I felt I needed to try to document a crappy situation," Marshall said. "If anything like this even begins to happen again I will whip my phone out and record immediately."

On returning home, Marshall called Baywood and left a message for the manager. She also reported the matter to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and to the county's COVID-19 Compliance Line.

The venerable country club is list-



DANGER ZONE? Golf balls driven from the patio landed on the green closest to Golf Course Road, next to the passersby.

GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE

ed on the county's website as having filed an approved reopening plan as a "Dine-In Restaurant."

The next day, Baywood General Manager Stacey Cootes contacted Marshall's walking partner, but not Marshall. So Marshall called and spoke briefly with Cootes. This was followed by a text message from her.

"I am so sorry this happened to you and it will be dealt with," Cootes wrote. "If it is a member, we can suspend their membership. If it was a guest we can ban them for life. Again I am terribly sorry this happened and I assure you 99.9 percent of our membership are lovely people. Thank you so much."

Marshall forwarded the photo she had taken of the patio crowd to help Cootes identify the golf ball bullies.

Last Thursday, Marshall learned that the country club's Board of Directors had met, and she called Cootes for an update. "She was pretty defensive," Marshall said. "Apparently the two men were identified, witnesses affirmed my account of events, and they are having conversations with the two men to 'deal with it internally.'"

Marshall said Cootes told her that any disciplinary action might not be disclosed, and that a suspended membership is not the same as a rescinded membership. Asked to define what suspension meant, she said Cootes refused. The matter was reportedly referred to Board President Jay Hight.

"She said something about 'boys behaving badly,'" Marshall said, which I translated to mean 'boys will be boys', which she took umbrage with."

The club's Code of Conduct, at least according to a 2017 membership directory found online, starts off with a proscription on just the sort of utterance "John Smith" reportedly indulged in from his patio podium:

"1. Use of profane, loud, offensive language or inappropriate behavior is PROHIBITED."

Were the allegations verified, Smith could, in theory, suffer excommunication from the elite Arcata institution under Rule 5.

"5. The Board of Directors is authorized to discipline any member for conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Club up to and including termination."

Cootes initially responded to messages from the *Union* with a short statement: "We are still doing an internal investigation and are speaking to all involved. This is a private club and we take these matters very seriously. Once the investigation is completed, Baywood and its Board of Directors will react accordingly."

In response to subsequent follow-up questions, Cootes provided more expansive explanations, plus an alternative version of the events of that day:

"I know that there are two sides of the story and in between lies the truth. I just spoke with two of the members that were out at the time of the incident and here is the what they said happened:

"The two women were walking on Buttermilk and they started yelling for them to stop hitting the balls. One man replied back, 'We are not trying

to hit you, we are trying to pitch onto the green.' The women continued to shout back. Another guy said 'If you don't want us to hit you, move along.' More shouting and then she entered *private* property, which is trespassing, and started taking pictures and videos, at which time the men disengaged from the conversation..."

"I questioned the two men individually in this photo and both stories match with the recount above."

Cootes referred to the photo above, which Marshall provided her, and stated that "you can see they are social distanced and/or wearing masks..."

"I can assure you that Baywood is in Full compliance with the County COVID rules and regulations. Our paperwork for reopening the Dining room (now only outside dining), Golf Shop and Pool have been approved and we have sanitation in key locations. We have weekly training with our Managers and we do not allow members into the building without mask and have masks available at multiple locations here at the club. We have the rules and regulations posted at every entrance and put reminders in our weekly emails to the members. We take the health and well being of not only the members and staff but the community very seriously. By nature of our business, there are quite a few retired individuals here and are at higher risk."

Cootes added that she was preparing a response to the complaint that Marshall submitted to the Department of Industrial Relations regarding the alleged lack of COVID compliance. "I would be happy to send that response to you as well," she said.

As to whether it is clear to Baywood's membership that Golf Course Road is a public street, to which citizens have full access, and the alleged use of the club's patio as a driving range," Coates stated:

"Baywood was first formed in 1957 and we have always respected our neighbors, many of them are members and have lived here as many years. Golf Course (Buttermilk) Road is a public road and I do not believe anyone thinks any differently."

"It is not normal to hit anything off the patio, this was a 'chipping' contest that was attached to a member tournament. They were not using drivers and are experienced golfers. We are trying to keep our members active, engaged and safe during this Pandemic We also had staff on the green monitoring this activity. Golf is an excellent COVID activity by nature, lots of wide open spaces."

Marshall's walking partner, who asked not to be identified, confirmed her account of the events, contradicting Coates.

She said that despite the alleged intimidation, she won't be deterred from using the popular walking route. "I plan on walking that route all the time," she said. "It's a public road."

Concluded Coates, "I believe this was just a misunderstanding and people were talking over each other. I have apologized extensively to Kathleen and am truly sorry that this misunderstanding had taken place."

Exuberant Gen Z lass leads cops on not-so-merry chase

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – An Arcata woman was taken into custody following a multi-agency vehicle pursuit on Sunday, Aug. 9. At about 12:07 a.m., officers with the Eureka Police Department (EPD) attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle near 14th and J streets in Eureka due to the driver reportedly failing to stop for a red light.

The driver, later identified as 22-year-old Alexis Nizhoni Lowe, failed to yield for the traffic stop and officers initiated a pursuit.

Lowe reportedly ran multiple red lights and stop signs as she fled from officers. The pursuit continued onto northbound U.S. Highway 101, where the Arcata Police Department (APD) was dispatched to assist in the pursuit.

As the pursuit continued into the McKinleyville area, Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched and took over the pursuit from the two agencies. The vehicle continued to flee from deputies at speeds in excess of 90 miles per hour.

As the vehicle neared Del Norte County, deputies requested the assistance of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Del Norte Division and the Del Norte County Sheriff's Office.

Near Klamath, CHP-Del Norte officers successfully deployed a spike strip, disabling Lowe's vehicle. Lowe stopped the vehicle and she was taken into custody by CHP Del Norte officers without further incident. No one was injured during the pursuit.

Upon further investigation, deputies learned that the vehicle Lowe was driving was stolen earlier in the evening out of the Loleta area but had not yet been reported to law enforcement.

Lowe was booked into the Del Norte County Jail on charges of vehicle theft, evading a peace officer, theft involving a motor vehicle, under the influence of a controlled substance, driving with a suspended license and DUI.



Alexis Nizhoni Lowe

Deputies, armored vehicle persuade grouchy shooter to chill

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – A McKinleyville man was arrested peacefully following a Humboldt County SWAT response on Monday, Aug. 10 at about 6 p.m. when the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call regarding shots fired into a residence on the 2000 block of Thiel Avenue in McKinleyville.

The suspect, later identified as Ryan Gordon Shaw, 39, of McKinleyville, reportedly began shooting toward a neighbor's residence from within his own home. At least one bullet reportedly entered the neighbor's residence.

Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene and extricated the neighbor to safety. During this time, Shaw continued firing numerous shots from his residence, becoming verbally aggressive toward deputies.

Humboldt County SWAT, the Humboldt County Crisis Negotiation Team and Humboldt County Mental Health responded to the scene to begin negotiations with Shaw.

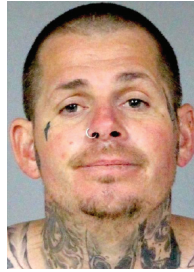
Shaw continued firing from within his residence for the duration of the incident.

Just before 8:30 p.m., Humboldt County SWAT deputies conducted a tactical operation utilizing the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Bearcat armored vehicle, to negotiate with Shaw for a peaceful surrender.

Deputies were successful with their negotiation and Shaw was taken into custody peacefully. No one was injured during this incident.

Shaw was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of shooting at an inhabited dwelling, felony vandalism and two misdemeanor warrants for carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle and driving with a suspended license with a prior conviction. His bail was set at \$80,000.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the California Highway Patrol, Arcata Fire, the Humboldt County Crisis Negotiation Team and Humboldt County Mental Health for their assistance with this incident.



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Emily Grace Goldstein brings progressive skills, agenda to council race

EMILY GRACE GOLDSTEIN CAMPAIGN
Hello Arcata Community,

I am thrilled to be announcing my candidacy for a position on the Arcata City Council in the Nov. 3, 2020 election.

I truly believe that Arcata is an incredible place. I envision this community as a leader in establishing new norms around affordable housing, mental healthcare, education and further integrating sustainability into the foundation of our city.

I believe that redistributing police funds into these vital programs that shape the health of our community will bring our city to even greater heights. Equity is central to my platform. For me, redistribution of police funding is not a trend, but an extension of years of work toward systemic social reform that centers racial equity.

I received my Bachelor's in Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies from Humboldt State University which gave me the tools to understand the ways in

which systemic oppression presents in society and grew my passion for social justice.

While earning my Master's in Social Work with a focus on Public Policy at the University of Washington in Seattle, I developed skills to build concrete change. I knew I wanted to focus my work in Arcata to give back to the community that had given me so much.

I now work as a health policy coordinator promoting public health policies in Arcata and throughout the rural North Coast. I use my social work background, my public policy toolbox, and my knowledge of and passion for ending systemic inequities to create a better Arcata.

Recently, the media has highlighted ideas of redistributing police funding into community social work and other mental health positions. This is part of the solution, and a social worker such as myself needs to be at the table to help make these decisions



Emily Grace Goldstein.
in Arcata.

Given my experience, I know that I have the knowledge and skills to do this role well. I'm a big picture thinker, and an action-oriented doer.

While at HSU, I engaged in violence prevention work through the CHECK IT program. I provided education to shift cultural norms to create safer and healthier communities. This was my first introduction to the power that

prevention can hold. This is now a concept that is foundational to my platform as I run for Arcata's City Council.

I believe we have the power to create a better and more just future for all by preventing harms before they occur through education, strong mental healthcare services, and by providing basic human rights such as housing.

As a queer person, I know what it is like to look around and not see my community have the services necessary for full success. I would love the opportunity to help expand social services in Arcata for all communities and people that have been marginalized in our current oppressive systems.

I am committed to taking an intersectional approach in creating the support necessary for all to not just survive but to thrive. Part of this is acknowledging and recognizing that we are on native lands, specifically that of the Wiyot people, that does not belong to the colonial settlers that live on this land.

It is important to my campaign and my work that voices of all marginalized people are at the table.

Open communication is key to my campaign, I want to hear your ideas, your concerns, and your visions. We are truly more powerful together – and each perspective brings something new to the table we create. I am excited for the opportunity to work with, and for you.

Please join me at facebook.com/emilyforarcata, [@emilyforarcata](https://www.instagram.com/emilyforarcata) on Instagram, emilyforarcata@gmail.com and emilyforarcata.com.

Note: As part of its Election 2020 coverage, the Union is initially publishing self-submitted introductory pieces by the City Council candidates through August. There are 10 candidates, and this is the third intro piece; previous ones submitted by candidates Stacy Atkins-Salazar and Nick Matthews are viewable at madriverrunion.com. – Ed.

Six in queue for three available seats on the McKinleyville CSD

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

McKinleyville – Six candidates are running for three open seats on the closest thing unincorporated McKinleyville has to a city council – the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors.

Seeking two four-year seats on the five-member board are Greg Orsini, William McBroome and Scott Binder. Those seats are now held by John Corbett and Mary Burke,

both of whom opted not to seek re-election.

Seeking a single two-year seat on the board are Wesley Martin, Joellen Clark-Peterson and Jimmy Vance. That seat is held by Shel Barsanti, who also decided not to run.

Orsini, the first candidate to sign up, worked for the MCSD for 30 years, retiring as its general manager in July. Binder is best known for posting information on social media, including the *McKinleyville Watch* Facebook page. He is semi-retired from the wholesale food distribution industry.

Martin is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Humboldt County, has owned restaurants and bars and describes himself as a serial entrepreneur.



Martin Wesley



Joellen Clark-Peterson



William McBroome



James Vance



Greg Orsini



Scott Binder

Clark-Peterson is a former executive director of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce and is now a communications specialist for the Northern California Small Business Development Lead Center.

McBroome and Vance could not be reached for comment. They are encouraged to contact the *Mad River Union* at jack@madriverrunion.com.

The MCSD oversees sewer, water, open space maintenance, streetlights, parks and recreation in the unincorporated community.

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HSU, CR presidents welcome incoming students

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HUMBOLDT –CR President Dr. Keith Flamer and HSU President Dr. Tom Jackson extend a warm welcome to new and returning college students to College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University. The following is a joint letter from the two presidents:

The fall semester is just around the corner and we'd like to take this time to congratulate you on the next step of your journey. Despite COVID-19 we have been actively preparing for the return of some of our students in our best alignment with county and state health guidelines. Our institutions are taking very prudent steps to safeguard the health and safety of all faculty, staff, students and our local community.

We believe that CR and HSU will provide the best possible higher education experience for our students.

The partnership between College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University is powerful. Together, we make it possible for everyone in our community to pursue their higher-educational goals, be it two-years, four-years or beyond.

Our mission, as educators, is to help all students, regardless of race, creed or circumstance to achieve their full potential. We know it has not been easy to get here – even the decision to enroll in college during this uncertain time is a leap of faith -- and we applaud our students' resilience, perseverance, and their



A PAIR OF PRESIDENTS Humboldt State President Tom Jackson, Jr. and College of the Redwoods President Keith Flamer.

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS PHOTO

willingness to embark on a new adventure. We also know that, for some students, college may be the safest place for them right now, and we are happy that we can offer them some

shelter from the storm.

We want to assure students that we are doing everything we can to make sure that they will be safe, supported, and successful on their educational jour-

ney. Although many things will look and feel differently from a "normal" school year, many things will remain the same – we are confident that students will still find camaraderie with their fellow students and intellectual rigor from their professors.

Students will have access to the same supports and services as previous years and they will find many opportunities to explore their interests and cultivate a lifelong passion for learning.

We believe that Humboldt County is a very special place, and whether you're just arriving for the first time or have lived here all your life, we are honored that you will be with us this fall.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith Flamer,
president and superintendent, College of the Red-

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Mad River Rotary's new morale-boosting meals

MAD RIVER UNION
MCKINLEYVILLE

The Mad River Rotary is launching a new campaign to boost the morale of Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies. The effort will also help boost local restaurants, which have suffered due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The club, based in McKinleyville, is raising money to buy restaurant gift certificates to thank peace officers for the work that they do.

Years ago the club, through donations and volunteer labor, built the McKinleyville Sheriff's Office at Pierson Park. But even after it was built, it was understaffed.

With the passage of Measure Z, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was finally able to hire enough deputies to keep the office open and staffed, with two deputies on patrol in the unincorporated community.

"As Rotarians and as community members, we have spent a great deal of time and energy working to have a strong law enforcement presence in our community," stated McKinleyville resident and Rotarian Kevin Jenkins in a letter (*see page 9*) to the *Union*. "We are fortunate to have Sheriff [William] Honsal. He has created a department that is professional in their conduct and community minded in their approach to enforcing the law. This has not been an easy task to accomplish."

"The challenge that we now face is one of finding adequate personnel to staff the department," Jenkins wrote. "The current climate in our world is so negative towards law enforcement that few are choosing it as a career field and many are leaving to seek other careers. Historically, Humboldt County has not been generous with the amount of pay we offer our law enforcement officers. This is going to be a problem as the remaining skilled law enforcement officers are vulnerable to being 'poached' by other law enforcement agencies."

The club has set up a fund at Coast Central Credit Union. It will be used to buy the gift certificates, which will be handed out by Sheriff Honsal.

"Let's let the Humboldt County Sheriff Officers know in a very real way that the community is in support of their efforts in keeping all of us safe," stated Jenkins.

Those who want to contribute can do so at Coast Central Credit Union.

ARCATA CITY CYBERCOUNCIL The Arcata City Council meets Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. Observe the meeting on Access Humboldt Channel 10, by visiting cityofarcata.org or on the city's YouTube channel. Agenda items include a continuation of the Coronavirus Local Emergency; a financial forecast of adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21; Arcata Police Department's up-

Bayside Road paving fest

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Paving work for the ongoing 2020 Bayside Paving Project will begin on Monday, Aug. 17. Construction for this project began on Monday, June 1, and all accessible concrete work and in-road utility upgrades and repairs have been completed.

Paving on Bayside Road began Monday, Aug. 17 between Union Street and Buttermilk Lane. Work takes place Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on some days the contractor may extend work hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On days of scheduled work, access to Bayside Road may be temporarily interrupted or detoured. Members of the community are encouraged to take alternate routes during construction and to follow all safety directions and traffic control devices within the project area.

Paving on Bayside Road is anticipated to be completed by Friday, Aug. 28, with additional paving on Chester Avenue beginning in late August or early September.

Work on the 2020 Bayside Paving Project has been extended so additional storm-drain and sewer repairs can be completed, and is currently scheduled to be completed by mid-September.

If challenges are encountered with this project, please contact Kernan Construction at (707) 826-8686 or the City of Arcata at (707) 825-2176. For more updates on construction progress and project plans, please visit cityofarcata.org.

Airport comment extended

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – With the purpose of promoting safety between public use airports and the communities that surround them, Humboldt County is looking for feedback on the newly created draft 2020 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP).

To allow more time for the public to review the plan, and use the recently added interactive mapping tools, the deadline for public comment has been extended to Thursday, Aug. 27. The planning document is an update to the state-mandated 1993 airport land use compatibility plan for the following airports in Humboldt County: California Redwood Coast – Humboldt County Airport, Dinsmore Airport, Garberville Airport, Kneeland Airport, Murray Field Airport, Rohnerville Airport, Samoa Field Airport and Shelter Cove Airport.

The policies in the document are designed to promote compatibility between Humboldt County's public use airports and surrounding land uses. The draft 2020 ALUCP is available for download on the county website. You can submit comments on the draft plan through Aug. 27.

A paper copy of the draft 2020 ALUCP can be viewed at Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 1st floor, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka.

Both printed and electronic copies (USB flash drive) are available to the public. Contact Cody Roggatz, Airports Director, at (707) 839-5401 or at croggatz@co.humboldt.ca.us for a schedule of costs.

date on police reforms; appointment of a member to the Historic Landmarks Committee; a Letter of Support for a water district grant for rehabilitation of the industrial water system; and a report by City Engineer Netra Khatri on Bike Share.



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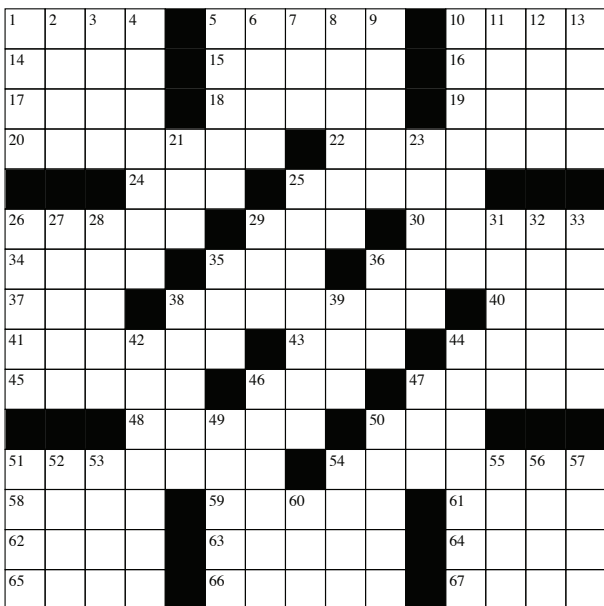
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